

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a neurological developmental disorder that occurs almost exclusively in females; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome affects all racial and ethnic groups and occurs worldwide in one of every 10,000 to 23,000 female births; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome has been most often misdiagnosed as autism or cerebral palsy and causes problems in brain function affecting learning, speech, sensory sensations, mood, movement, breathing and even chewing, swallowing and digestion; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of Rett Syndrome do not appear until after the age of 6 to 18 months and the most severe handicap is apraxia, the inability to carry through with movement; and

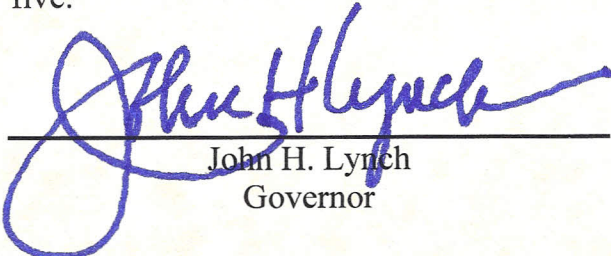
WHEREAS, Currently there is no cure for Rett Syndrome but symptoms can be treated with medication along with therapy; and

WHEREAS, Advances in scientific research have been made but awareness and education is still needed as the search for a cure for Rett Syndrome continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2010** as **RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** in New Hampshire.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-five.



John H. Lynch
Governor